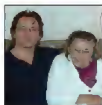




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Concerns resolved and races will take place

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Taking care of mother

Man caring for mom with Alzheimer's at home

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Fort Erie Public Library held its fifth annual Literacy Day Spelling Bee, and celebrity spellers above are Tamara Pierce from M&M Meat Shops, Amy Roebuck and Gord Thomson of the Fort Erie Public Library and MPP Kim Craitor. Results on Page 2.

Spelling bee

Martin wins manual recount

Mayor Doug Martin relieved that recount process is over

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency

Relief on one hand. Justice served on the other.

Doug Martin is still mayor of Fort Erie. As for Ann-Marie Noyes, a second recount of votes from October's mayoral contest Friday has put the town's 2010 municipal election to bed once and for all.

"Relieved," Martin said moments after being declared the winner of a court-ordered recount Friday. "I've been somewhat reluctant to get too involved (in town business) because I didn't know what the outcome was going to be. But now that it's officially over and I believe this is the end, I believe it showed that we've gone through every ballot, we've gone through every disputed ballot, we've gone through them all, face up... I can just get down to work and go from there."

See Page 2

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Spelling up for you too

Noyes disappointed that recount took so long to approve

From Front Page

Martin took home 4,839 votes compared with Noyes' 4,834. There were eight disputed ballots, four of which went in favour of Noyes, two that went to Martin. Two disputed ballots were declared invalid.

The process at the Leisureplex Banquet Hall took place after all parties involved in three months of litigation related to an application with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for a recount in the Oct. 25 mayoral race agreed on procedures drafted by town clerk Carolyn Kett last week.

Ballots cast for mayor were fed through vote-tabulating machines face up. Any ballot returned or refused was visually inspected by the candidates and their representatives. The clerk determined any disputed ballots.

On election night Oct. 25,

Martin took 4,836 votes, while Noyes won 4,832. An electronic recount was held Nov. 9, where Martin was declared the winner with 4,836 votes to Noyes' 4,831.

Bill Brunton, a resident and former councillor, then filed an application with the courts for a recount of ballots cast. In a race decided by only a handful of votes, he said a hand count is necessary to bring closure.

"I'm satisfied it's over. I think we got to look at the ballots that we wanted to see," Brunton said following Friday's procedure.

Brunton said he doesn't have plans to take any further legal action.

Neither does Noyes.

"As far as I'm concerned it's it for me. I'm satisfied with the result," she said.

"Wished it was different, but it's not. I have a great life, a great family, great friends. I want to thank all my friends and family and all those that supported me. I think I had wonderful support throughout the election."

She said with such a close election, it was important every effort be made to "count every ballot."

"I think when the margin of votes is so close ... and there's 74 blank ballots, which we now know are not blank ballots — most of them were but there were ... disputed ballots ... you had to have looked at them."

"Granted, they fell both ways and the overall outcome didn't change, but it



I think the previous council opposition and hiring the lawyer was the wrong decision to make."

— Ann-Marie Noyes

could have been the other way. They could have all been for Doug, they could have all been for me and it would have changed the outcome."

Noyes said she's disappointed it took this long to conduct the full-scale recount.

Last week, the newly sworn council, which has four fresh faces, directed staff to work out an agreement with Brunton. The direction came after councillors held a closed session, where they discussed the recount litigation between the town and the applicant. Martin declared a conflict of interest since the issue directly involved him. He abstained from the discussion and the vote.

The current council's decision was a reversal of the one made by the previous council to oppose Brunton's application.

"I think the previous council opposition and hiring the Toronto lawyer was the wrong decision to

make," said Noyes. "We could have got to this conclusion in early November."

Noyes, an occupational therapist and 13-year veteran of municipal council, would like to rule out another run at politics. In fact, the former Ward 6 councillor hinted at it.

"I think I'm wired for politics. I really am," she said. "There is a lot of wonderful organizations in town. I now have some free time on my hands, not putting the 18 to 20 hours into council that I did every week before. I will be looking at assisting the community in any way I can and joining different organizations."

Library holds 5th annual Literacy Day Spelling Bee

The 5th annual Family Literacy Day Spelling Bee, co-sponsored by the Fort Erie Public Library and the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, was held on Wed., Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial Branch of the Library.

Twenty-three students in grades 3-8 participated. Ten volunteers helped

make the evening possible, and 80 people attended. There were four 'celebrity' spellers: MPP Kim Craitor, Tamara Pierce of M&M Meat Shops, and Gord Thomson, CEO and Andy Ruebeck. Community Services Coordinator, both of the Fort Erie Public Library.

After the celebrity

spellers warmed up the spellers' stand, the students took over.

Winners in Grades 3-4 were: 3rd place, Emma Young, 2nd place, Cody Taylor. 1st place, Devon Taylor.

Winners in Grades 5-6 were: 3rd place, Aidan Hastings. 2nd place, Kalden Anderson. 1st place, Ashlee


Whitley.

Winners in Grades 7-8 were: 3rd place, Dinushka Balasingam. 2nd place, Divita Balasingam. 1st place, Judy Bartlett.

Judges for the evening were Library Board members John Van Oirschot (also a Literacy Council Learning Partner) and Ken Burden.

Gift bags for all the spellers were provided with help from ABC Canada, Smarty Pants in Niagara Falls and Safart Niagara.


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Racing will go forward after concerns ironed out

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QMI Agency

The volunteer board that oversees operations of the Fort Erie Race Track has ironed out concerns that were brought to light earlier this week, ensuring there will be live racing at Fort Erie Race Track this year.

"They're going to go forward with racing for the year. They had a meeting last night and they've been able to resolve their concerns through what's available to them and what was explained. There were a number of individuals at the table last night," Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin said Friday.

"I don't really know the specifics and I don't think they want to get into specifics, it's just that the issues that they had have been addressed and they feel comfortable their concerns have been addressed."

They will be going ahead with the full 78 days of live racing for 2011 and year two of the

Provincial Quarter Horse season, said Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

He noted all matters have been addressed to the satisfaction of the board following Thursday night's meeting.

"As spring approaches our staff looks forward to welcoming back the community of horsepeople, owners, trainers, their staff and race officials for the May 7, 2011, opening day."

Kim Craiton, MPP for Niagara, who was in attendance at the meeting said "I was very pleased to see how the (FELRC) board of directors and its partners were able to build on its successful



There will be live racing at Fort Erie Race Track this year.

season last year to ensure that live racing continues into 2011 and beyond, keeping the jobs associated with the operation of the Fort Erie Race Track and Slots contributing to the Fort Erie

economy - let's go racing."

In December, the board decided to move forward with live racing in 2011. The consortium planned to complete a new lease agreement with Nordic

Gaming, the private company that owns the racetrack property, Thursday. So far, the track has paid \$100,000 of the \$650,000-a-year lease. The not-for-profit consortium was hoping to pay the remainder by Thursday.

However, the board recently received information from their lawyer indicating its members, who are volunteers, could be held personally responsible for debts if the racetrack closes. The board has been reluctant to sign any contractual agreements needed to prepare for another season of racing unless they have some protection.

The consortium, which formed after its members struck a unique deal with the

town, province and Nordic Gaming last year to keep the track from closing, hopes the town and/or province can come up with a way to indemnify board members in case the track is forced to wind down operations and there's not enough money to cover outstanding liabilities. On Monday night, town council deferred a decision on the board's request that the municipality indemnify members against personal financial risk. Council met behind closed doors to consider the request. Councillors asked the town's lawyer to look into the issue and report back to them with a recommendation.

—files by Tony Ricciuto

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Looking after mom with Alzheimer's

Kris Dube
Editor

Even though January is Alzheimer's month, every day of the year a caring son does anything he can for his mother, who was diagnosed with the condition.

In 2008, Peter Petran was getting ready to start a new life in British Columbia until he learned his mother needed someone by her side back home in Fort Erie.

He immediately dropped everything he had on his plate and returned to his mother and has been providing her with the care he feels is much better for her than in a medical facility or nursing home.

"As good as the care is in a hospital environment or in a home, you can't match the level of care from someone who loves you, looking out for your best interest," said Petran.

Before his mother Margaret moved back to her home in Crescent

Park after a brief stay in a hospital, Peter said she was in constant pain, mostly from bed sores.

Since taking over, along with the help of nurses 14

hours a week, he says his mother is "no longer in pain" and is much more comfortable at home covered in blankets, watching some of her favourite TV programs.

"She didn't give up hope and she's happier now," he said.

Petran is also thankful for the assistance he gets from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara, as they supply him with hygiene products that help his mother live comfortably and provide him with any insight he might need.

"They're a great source of information and practical assistance," he said.

If he had to give a message to anyone in a similar routine, caring for a loved

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— Peter Petran
Fort Erie

one with Alzheimer's, he said take advice and help from whoever you can.

"If I tried to do this myself, it would have been impossi-

ble."

He said it is important to maintain a sense of humour during this time and be thankful his mother isn't suffering as much as she used to.

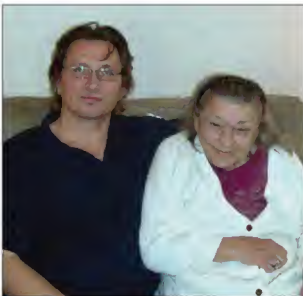
It's also crucial to be calm and patient.

"I wasn't very patient years ago," he said.

"Everybody is human and you have your good and bad days."

If Petran didn't put so much effort into providing care for his mother, he said he would likely be filled with regret if he knew he didn't step up the way he has.

"I've done the best for her that I can."



Pictured above is Peter Petran with his mother Margaret. After his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's he decided to care for her at home.

Police bust Fort Erie man

On Tuesday January 25 at approximately 7:15 p.m. police came across a suspicious male in the area of Courtwright Street in the Town of Fort Erie.

Upon further investigation it was discovered that the male was in possession of 110 grams of marijuana and \$800 in cash.

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our editorial

Start making deposits in your food bank

Local food banks saw a huge increase in demand this past year in most areas of Niagara, and the public needs to keep giving. Your neighbours are in greater need of assistance than ever.

More and more, they are turning to the local food banks for assistance with groceries, Christmas gifts and even help paying for expensive utility bills.

The extra demand puts further drain on the resources of local food banks.

The bottom line is, local food banks need more donations of food, money and volunteerism.

Give whatever you can give.

People in our community are going hungry and having electricity turned off.

Last week, participants in a food bank challenge were asked to try eating only non-perishable goods.

That means, no fruits, vegetables, meat (unless it's in a can) or fresh dairy.

It can't be fun, and yet for many who are clients of the food bank, that is what they have to make do with.

Please keep on giving. Your neighbours need your help, with donations of food and cash if you can.

Tom Wilkinson



Do You Remember?

Thank you to Brenda Bartlett-Stevenson for calling in about last week's photo of the children displaying their trophies. These were Grades 5/6 Black Creek School public speaking contest winners in 1974. L-R: Colin Morningstar, Brenda Bartlett, and a Master Landry; the rest of the children are unknown. Brenda won for reading and the others won in the poetry and public speaking categories. The reason for the two trophies? The students could take home the smaller trophy while the larger one stayed with the school.

It is never too late to call in about a particular week's photo as we always want to know people's names so that we can include those photos in our collection. We have one name on the back of this week's photo - "Lorraine Hufnagel". Does anyone know which one she is or the names of any of the other ladies? Please call the Museum 905-894-5322 or drop in. We are located at 402 Ridge Road, Ridgeway and are open every day except Saturday this time of year. Our e-mail address is museum@forterie.on.ca.

Niagara resident describes mother's journey with Alzheimer's

Looking back on it, the first sign that my mother was developing Alzheimer's came from a seemingly meaningless comment.

Seven of us were on a Thanksgiving girls' outing - my mom, my two teenage daughters, a few cousins and me. We were riding in a minivan heading down the 401 toward Kingston when, out of nowhere, my mother said: "I think someone is coming in my apartment when I'm not home and cleaning." We all paused to think about this, then one of my quick-witted cousins

Joan Simpson
Dealing with Alzheimer's

quipped: "Well, send them to my place when they're done." And we all laughed and nothing more was said.

I know, now, that if we had asked why she thought this, my mother would have said it was because her things had been moved and put in different places - places that she would have never put them. Or something might have been missing for a while and then suddenly turned up. And it would have all

been the fault of the mystery "cleaner" coming into her apartment.

This should have been the first indication that something was wrong with my mother. I know now that the mysterious "moving" of possessions - clothing, money, books, eyeglasses, food - is one of the signs of Alzheimer's. It was my mother, of course, putting things in places she couldn't remember but sure that someone else was doing it. For a short while she became obsessed with a metal tray she had been given as a wedding gift

almost 60 years earlier. It had spent many years on a shelf in her storage room and now she couldn't find it. She had the superintendent come into her apartment to look for it. She told him she thought someone had a key and was coming into her apartment to take things. He asked her who else had a key. No one. I found the tray, months later, hidden behind a bookcase in her bedroom. Another time she called me in a panic. She had been counting her money and had left it on the dining room table. She had only left it there

for five minutes, she said, and someone had come into the apartment and taken some of it. Later she called back to tell me it had been returned - placed in her purse. A month or so after the first comment, I drove the two hours to Toronto to take my mother Christmas shopping. We have a large family and I knew we'd have to spread the shopping out over a couple of weekends. We bought a lot of presents the first weekend and my mom made me promise to bring gift wrap and tape when I came back the

next weekend so we could wrap it. When I returned, she was panicked. It would be Christmas soon and she had no shopping done. Huh? How could she have forgotten the hours we spent in a hot and crowded mall a week earlier? When it came time to wrap the gifts and write out the name cards, my mother was confused. Even with the name of the recipient in front of her, she had difficulty printing it on the gift card. And taping the card to the gift?

opinion page



Official opposition leader Tim Hudak protested hydro hikes outside the Hydro One transformer station on Ontario St. in Beamsville recently. Hudak said that energy policies must be treated as economic policies and not as social programs.

Conservative leader protesting hikes

An Ontario PC government will deliver a long-term, pragmatic energy plan for Ontario that puts consumers first, MPP Tim Hudak said recently.

Hudak braved the cold weather to protest Liberal hydro policies in front of the Hydro One transformer station on Ontario Street in Beamsville, one of a few stops around the region.

"In January, usually it's the credit card bill families are most afraid to open when it arrives in the mail. This year, it's the hydro bill. We must place the consumer's ability to pay at the forefront of all energy sector decisions and respect that they pay the bills," Hudak said in a statement.

He said that hydro rates have increased 75 per cent under Dalton McGuinty's government or over 100 per

cent if your smart metre has been activated.

Hudak said that the PCs believe that energy policy should be treated as economic policy and not as a social program.

"When you add in the impact of the HST and other rate increases, rising hydro bills are forcing many families to make difficult decisions such as whether they can afford to keep the kids in minor hockey or figure skating, or go on family outings that help to bolster the local economy," said Hudak, the leader of the official opposition.

He said that a typical family pays about \$120.88 a month. Over the next five years, under a Liberal government, that would increase to \$181.88 a month.

Trying to prepare for a parent's Alzheimer's diagnosis

From Page 6

Sometimes she got it on the gift, but just as often it was taped to the tablecloth or an unused piece of gift wrap.

Things began to get more concerning. She got lost in a neighbourhood she had known for decades. Fortunately she was able to realize she needed help and went into a nearby school and told them she was lost. At her birthday in January, she had a scrape on the bridge of her nose that she was unable to explain. As we

sat around the table eating birthday cake she scanned faces, looking for my oldest daughter to tell her something.

She didn't recognize her, so passed the message on to someone else. Later, my oldest daughter asked me sadly, "Why didn't grandma recognize me?" My mother began forgetting words. There would be pauses in her conversation while she tried to think of the word she wanted. "How do you say ..." became a standard part of her conversation.

She spent a lot of time

going to the supermarket. In our daily telephone conversation, she would tell me that she was making a shopping list and would be heading out soon. Months later, as my cousins helped me clean out her apartment, we found dozens and dozens of cans of food stored in a closet. Some of it was years' old and well beyond its expiry date.

Much of it was tinned pineapple. My mother hates tinned pineapple.

One of the hardest things I've had to do is take action on my mother's forgetful-

ness. How do you tell the person who has always been there to look after you, that you think they may have Alzheimer's?

Getting her to a doctor to get an assessment was tricky. Doctor-patient confidentiality means doctors can't talk to you about their patients - even the mother you suspect has dementia. On the advice of a member of the local Alzheimer's Society, I wrote the doctor a letter. Then I encouraged my mother to make an appointment and made sure I went with her. The doctor had the

letter in front of her and knew my concerns. A referral to a geriatric specialist followed. I went with my mother that day too. I expected it to be simple memory tests, but there were other tests as well. At one point, my mother was asked to draw a clock. She drew a circle. No numbers, no hands. She was asked to indicate a certain time. Somewhere on the paper outside the circle, she drew two lines.

Asked to count back from 100 by 7s, my mother made it to 72 and then stopped.

The diagnosis: Alzheimer's. Late stage one or early stage two. There are only three stages. The doctor warned me that my mother would go along as she was for a time, but then there would be a sudden drop off in abilities. Think of a waterfall, she told me. And she was right. That sudden change in my mother came just two months later and it was so fast and went so far that it was frightening. But at least I was now prepared for it. Or as prepared as you can ever be for something like that.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) COUNCIL'S 2011-2014 STRATEGIC PLAN

Council is working hard on setting the direction of the Town for the next four years through the strategic planning process and they want to hear from you. The process includes a random sampling of residents from throughout Fort Erie to participate in a focus group to comment on the draft of Council's key priorities, goals and initiatives for 2011-2014.

Leger Marketing will be calling randomly selected residents beginning on Monday, February 7th to participate in the focus group. Between 65 and 70 residents will be chosen to participate. If you are called and if you agree to participate, the Town will follow up with a confirmation letter on your attendance with details of the event.

The draft Strategic Plan will also be available to the general public for comment on the Town's web-site beginning March 11th. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the CAO at 905-871-1600 ext. 2200.

(2) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 571-1600 Extension 2218 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).

(3) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Notice is hereby given, for the term February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2015, that the undersigned will receive applications from residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers interested in serving on the below stated boards and committees of the Town of Fort Erie where appointments are still required.

For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie-on.ca under "Town Hall" "Committees".

The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually once per month. All members to the boards and committees act voluntarily except members of the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee.

(1) COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.

To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(2) FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies.

To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

(3) FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy.

To advise and assist the Community and Development Services Department and Council with the management and conservation of the natural environment in Fort Erie.

(4) MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Four (4) youth vacancies - ages 13-21.

To plan and advise Council on youth related issues. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ben McDermott at the YMCA directly to obtain an application: Telephone: 905-871-9622 ext. 233 or email: bmcdermott@ymcaindiagara.ca

(5) MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.

To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town focusing on Museum Services and Built Heritage. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. (Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Point Abino Lighthouse Advisory Committee recently merged to form this new Committee).

(6) SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Three (3) community representatives at large.

To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie to "Assist the Aged", to determine the need for increased senior citizen services and to assist in establishing mechanisms to adopt recommendations.

Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie-on.ca under Public.

Notices – Appointment to Boards and Committees or available in the Clerk's Office. Please state clearly your name, address, postal code, telephone number, email address, choice of board and committee for consideration of appointment thereto and any other relevant background information, including experience and credentials, will be received by the undersigned up to and including Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

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Important to promote creativity in youth, says artist Shanna Hamilton

Fort Erie artist will begin teaching classes at her home

Kris Dubé
Editor

Local artist Shanna Hamilton says it is important to promote creativity with today's youth.

This is a message she is hoping to promote with art classes, starting at her home in early February, for children ages 6 to 12.

"It's going to start with the basic elements of design and art, but it's going to be taught with a lot of fun involved," said Hamilton, whose most recent work is mainly Egyptian in style but is seasoned in all areas of art.

She already teaches an art program at Fort Erie Elementary School in partnership with the Fort Erie

Arts Council and the Niagara Region's RAFT program, therefore she has an understanding of how to capture a child's interest in being creative.

"Naturally all the kids are interested, but some of them you have to push, give them some inspiration," she said.

Being creative is important for all ages, it keeps you positive and young at heart," she said.

Classes will begin on Fri. Feb. 4 and will also be held on Mondays.

Cost is \$20 per session and all materials will be supplied.

To contact Hamilton, send an email to: goddess_speaks@hotmail.com.

You can visit her website at: www.goddessspeaks.piczo.com



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On Wednesday, January 26, detectives from Five District in Fort Erie concluded an investigation into a break and enter that occurred on January 13 at a Niagara Boulevard business. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a 24-year-old, Fort Erie man.

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In a study published in the August issue of the *Journal of Periodontology*, researchers found that subjects who maintained a healthy weight and had high levels of physical fitness had a lower level of severe periodontitis. Research continues to demonstrate that oral overall health and oral health are connected. Since gum disease is related to other diseases, such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes, there is even more reason to take care of yourself through diet and exercise.



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Ask an Automotive Service Technician

Q: Are there wiper blades that work better in the winter?

A: Obviously, wiper blades play an even more important role in the winter months, when they need to work harder. You should make a point of checking them often. They do not cost much, and they can save lives. Before you change your wiper blades, make sure you check to see if they are the right size. You can opt for winterized versions, which are easily recognizable by their rubber envelope that covers the spring mechanism. These are sturdier. After you replace the wiper blades, inspect them and if they look relatively good, you may choose to keep them as spares in the trunk. Always clean your windshield with the appropriate product to remove all possible dirt and grease on the glass that could contaminate the new blades.



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Q: Are there any new food trends this year?

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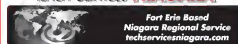


Ask A Computer Technician

Q: How do I upgrade to Windows 7 from windows XP?

A: Unfortunately, you can't use the upgrade button in Windows XP to migrate to Windows 7. Instead you have to perform a custom installation, which can mean formatting the hard drive. Windows XP is installed on and starting again from scratch. You will probably discover that the Upgrade Advisor finds a number of problems with both your hardware devices and software programs, so expect to spend a bit of time checking for driver and program updates. This means that it's vital that you back up your key files and settings before you start the Windows 7 installation process. You can use the Windows Easy Transfer tool and find this in the supplementary folder on the Windows 7 DVD or on your Windows 7 disc to do this, but if you have enough back up space we also recommend taking a full-safe backup of your entire hard drive. Contact us at Tech Services Niagara for your support questions.

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Ask the Chiropractor

Q: Do detox products actually work?

A: Many people use the new year as a starting point to change the way they treat their bodies. A good detox cleanse is a great start, so it can help with weight loss, immunity, allergies, digestion and overall organ function. There are a variety of products available to help detox and cleanse the liver, kidneys and intestinal tract. A good quality product will typically include ingredients that target all 3 areas and will also cover phase 1 and phase 2 detox processes. Milk Thistle, cruciferans (e.g. broccoli) extracts, amino acids and anti-oxidants are all essential to a well balanced detox product. Some lighter end products also include pH buffers to help eliminate the released toxins during phase 3 detoxification in the bladder.

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Ask a Funeral Director

Q: What are Funeral Services doing to embrace technology?

A: Funeral establishments do this in various ways. From the basics, such as websites and computer generated correspondence to advanced in-house AV and DVD composing and some with technical foreignist such as web broadcasting. Technology is an important part of creating and facilitating services that will allow people to grieve in the manner they choose.



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Ask a Bathroom Designer

Q: What should I consider when purchasing a new toilet?

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Q: Is there an easy treatment for my infection?

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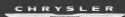
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Food bank challenge sees participants eat only non-perishable foods

MPP Kim Craitor says it would cost \$1 Billion to give an extra \$100 a month to welfare recipients

Kris Dube
Editor

Everywhere in the world, people struggle to consistently put healthy and regular meals on the table.

In Ontario, the people behind one initiative called Put Food in the Budget, feels the government needs to step in and help alleviate this problem.

Last Wednesday, at the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road, some of the 35 individuals who participated in the food bank challenge, that required them to eat only non-perishables for just over a week gathered to hear each others' stories.

The guest speaker of the night was Mike Balkwill, the provincial coordinator for the program.

Since starting the program last year, he has met with 45 members of provincial parliament, petitioning them to tell the premier that what people who received assistance from the government are allocated each month, simply isn't enough.

"Once you pay for your housing, there's hardly any money left over," said Balkwill, who feels an extra \$100 per month should be made available for those who need it.

For Balkwill, the purpose behind the food bank challenge is to raise awareness about how dire of need some people are in and to show there are people out there who realize this and would like to see more done.

"This campaign is to show that all across Ontario, people care."

Niagara falls member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor attended the event and agrees more considera-

tion needs to be given to families and individuals who struggle so often.

"Certainly I support it," said Craitor, who is Fort Erie's representative at Queen's Park.

Privy to this initiative a while back, Craitor said he approached the ministry of community and social services, to find out if anything could be done.

He was told it would cost \$1 billion to provide everyone living on social assistance an extra one hundred dollars per month.

"It doesn't mean we shouldn't do it, it just gives you a perspective of how big the need is," said Craitor.

Chris Kerho, principal of St. George's Catholic School took the challenge along with teachers Andrea Pinelli and Melissa Tancredi.

He said their participation fit nicely into the school's monthly liturgy, where a different Catholic value is identified. This month's theme was "justice."

He said taking the challenge was a real "eye opener" and that living off this diet isn't as easy as some might think.

"It was very difficult to adapt to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables," said Kerho.



St. George Catholic School principal Chris Kerho, left, and teachers Andrea Pinelli and Melissa Tancredi. They took part in a food bank challenge to eat only non-perishable goods.

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Local sculptor wins Niagara Region design award

Carolyn Goard
For Fort Erie Times

Mark Griffis' life has been inspired by the art of sculpture since he was nine years old.

The 55-year-old Fort Erie resident is constantly involved in sculpture projects.

As the head of St. Paul High School's fine art, film and dance department in Niagara Falls, Griffis is also an independent, working artist through his Buffalo-

based studio.

Griffis recently designed and completed all of the metal work for a brand new Catholic church in Clarence, New York.

He also recently completed a two-year project with an architect in Washington D.C.

Griffis says he does "a lot" of monumental sculptures for universities, hospitals and other commercial businesses.

He says the art industry is "as competitive as anything."

Voluntarily, Griffis is also

the director for the Ashford Hollow Foundation in Buffalo.

The foundation works to promote visual and performing arts by sponsoring exhibitions and performances, and oversees the operation of a 25-studio art complex in Buffalo.

Through this affiliation, Griffis' students have access to the studios and the Griffis Sculpture Park; a 400-acre park located eight miles outside of Ellicottville, featuring over 250 large-scale sculptures.

Griffis and his students have won many sculpture awards over the years.

"We have won the Best in Sculpture award for the Southern Ontario show more than eight out of twelve years."

One of Griffis' greatest and most recent accomplishments, however, was designing and constructing awards for the Niagara community.

The Niagara Region and Niagara Economic Development Corporation's Niagara Community Design

Awards recognize and celebrate excellence in community design.

The 6th annual award distribution was announced yesterday at the Four Points Sheraton in Thorold.

The awards focus on projects that enhance the built environment, efficiently use land and demonstrate creativity and vision.

Griffis said the awards take a couple months to design and produce, but "they are really beautiful."

The awards are abstracted sculptures incorporating environmental signs and symbols, Griffis said.

Griffis was asked to design these awards six years ago and began by producing over 100 drawings and then making small "steel sketches."

The job is a lot of work, Griffis said, and to get the job designing and creating the awards is a competition because there are other artists in the running.

The awards encapsulate gold, copper, bronze and natural steel finishes.

"They are good looking pieces and original works of art."

Griffis says deeper meanings can be interpreted from the awards by examining the symbols that construct the piece.

Griffis is passionate about the art of sculpture because it is a "very interactive art form."

"When a person looks at that artwork they feel an emotion, and the artwork evokes a feeling. The piece forms a connection and there is a bond that forms there because it elicits a response from the viewer," Griffis said.

Completing the awards is very tedious, Griffis explains, however with the help of his son Tyler and wife Patty, who completes many of the finishes, he is able to have the awards done in just a few months.



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RCBH holds open house



Millissa Taylor and Kayla Brady registering Brad's brother Adam for grade nine during an open house at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School on Jan. 18.

Knights of Columbus hold annual free throw championship

St. George School and and Crystal Beach School capture three first place finishes in competition

The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council # 3320 Free Throw Championship was held at the Fort Erie Community YMCA, on Thursday, January 20.

This was the culmination of school playoffs, which began in December and concluded by January 18. A total of 1,030 shooters from ten elementary and two secondary schools in the Town of Fort Erie took part in this year's playoffs attempting to win the school championship to qualify for Thursday's finals. More than 100 fans, hundreds of spectators and thirteen celebrities took part in the championship finals in the YMCA gym. The evening began with a three overtime shoot-out between

Darcy Allen, from Garrison Road and Carson Walpole, representing St. Philomena in the 9 year-old boy's category. After ties of 9 for 15, 14 for 25, Darcy persevered to claim the title by scoring 19/30 free throws.

Two schools captured three first place finishes. Kayla Alderson, a 9 year-old and 11 year-olds Abbie Macoretti and Dylan Morales from St. George School won their divisions with scores of 11/15, 8/15 and 9/15 respectively. Crystal Beach School's Jason Thomas, Jason Aquilina and Jacob Aquilina took the 10, 12 and 14 year-old boys' titles with 8/15, 11/15 and 14/15 scores. Jacob's 93 per cent shooting accuracy was the best of the championship.

Other Fort Erie champions included: Megan

Fezekas, from St. Joseph School with 5/15 in the 10 year-old girls bracket, Kyanna Marr from Fort Erie Elementary, making good on 10/15 in the 12 year-old category, Chelsey Jackson, representing Our Lady of Victory and Luke Culls from Bertie, both 13 year-olds, notched 8 and 11 free throws respectively, Paola Magana from Niagara Christian Community of Schools won the 14 year-old division with a score of 8/15.

Fort Erie champions qualified for the district championship which will be held on Saturday, February 5 at Loretto School on Kalar Road in Niagara Falls. Registration and practice begins at 8 a.m. And the final shoot-out begins at 9 a.m.

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St. Philomena Catholic School student Carson Walpole in action at last Thursday's Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition at the YMCA.

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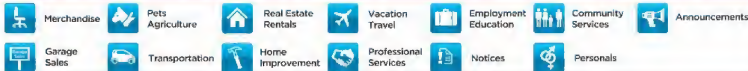
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Dated this 18th day of January, 2011
BARRY TEAL, Esq.,
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Solicitor for the Estate Trustee:
Donald Michael Henry and Glenn Alan Henry

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COOPER, Les - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday January 22, 2011.

Les Cooper beloved husband of Lynda, dear father of Christopher & Stephanie & the late Robert & Keith. Les' greatest joy was his garden & grandchildren Jordan, Russell, Max, Kaitlin, Bryn, Ryan, Isabelle and Sahara. Special thanks to Tracey for always being there and grateful thanks to Dr. Kamatovic and Dr. Scheer. At Les' request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Les' life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ronald McDonald House would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** (905) 854-0120

CAIRN, Marie Irene - At Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on complications of Multiple Sclerosis on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011 aged 69 years.

Beloved wife of Bill Hawkins. Loving Mother of Ron Hawkins of Welland, Barbara Hawkins of Ajax and Terry Hawkins of Toronto. Loved Grandmother to Greg (Cousin), John (Bonnie) and Daniel. Dear Sister of Clarence, Irene and Adelaide Savile, Jean Crossman, Yvelle Maffei, Yolande Bauer and the late Leonard Patton. A memorial service will be held in May. The family would like to extend their thanks to the staff of Gilmore Lodge for their exceptional care of Irene for the past 6 years. Arrangements entrusted to **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, Fort Erie**. On-line condolences at www.hammondanddavidsonfuneralhome.com

HOOPER, Kenneth Gilbert - On January 14, 2011 Ken passed away peacefully at the Welland County General Hospital at the age of 86 years.

Beloved husband of the late Joyce Hooper (nee Piest 1981). Dearest father of Candice Parazader (George), Anita (Frank), Alan Hooper (Kathy) and Cathy Craddock (Alan). Loving grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of twelve. Dear brother of Ruth Meinenbach (Arlin) and Joyce Schaefer (Judy) and the late Jack Hooper. Ken was predeceased by his parents Partridge and Jesse Hooper and his sister Jean. Ken was a proud and lifetime member of St. Paul's Anglican Church. He was an active Mason with the Palmer Lodge #372 A.F. & A.M. and both Scottish and York Rite. Ken was an Ordinary member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #230 and also belonged to the Lincoln-Welland Regiment. Cremation has taken place. Friends called at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 32 Lilleyville Street, Fort Erie, on Tuesday January 18th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. where a service to celebrate his life followed, officiated by Rev. Mark Gladding. Internment followed at the church cemetery. Those who wish may make a contribution to the St. Paul's Anglican Church Roofing Campaign. **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME** entrusted with the arrangements and on-line condolences and memories may be left at www.hammondanddavidsonfuneralhome.com

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KOWALSKI, Sally Ann (nee Maurier) - Surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer, Sally passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit on Wednesday January 26th, 2011. She was the loving wife of 31 years to Fred. Proud mother of Linda (Kim Russell) Saari of Niagara Falls, Terry (Margaret) Wanka of St. Catharines, Kathy (Leri) Wolf, and Karen (Lanny Deitaver) Audek all of Fort Erie. Stepmother of Stanley (Kim) Kowalski of Niagara Falls New York and Michael Kowalski of Florida. She will be sadly missed by grandchildren Michael (Kristen) Sassi, Scott, Sarah, Adam and Andrew Runka, Terry Jr., Denise and Shannon Runka, Brandon, Michael and Steven Kowalski and great grandmother of Taylor Reid Sassi and Connor Sassi Sassi. She was predeceased by her parents Frederick and Ursula Maurier and her Leonard Maurier. Sally enjoyed her job at RBC for 32 years. She was a community minded citizen and dedicated volunteer having served as a Girl Guide leader, Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Catholic Women's League, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers/Sisters, St. Michael's Children's Liturgy Group, a member of the Zonta Club, Fort Erie Horticultural Society and Red Hat Society. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in Greenwood. If so desired, donations to Palliative Care of The St. Vincent de Paul Society would be appreciated by the family.

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MAULUCCI, Antonio - February 27, 1926 - January 21, 2011. Antonio Maulucci passed away January 21, 2011. Beloved husband of Cecilia, his loving wife of 59 years. Cherished Papa to his children and their spouses Joe and Nora Maulucci, Giordano and Brian Gajo, Lorenzo and Carmela Naudack, and Germaine and Neil Gurn - Loving Grandpa to Tina, Lisa and Brett, Tony and Bernice, Joseph, Lawrence, Vincenzo, Adri, Ashley, Anna and John, Denny, Ray and Christina, Proud Great Grandpa to Karina, Cruise, Allison, Callum, Jacob, Avery, Anthony and Elise. Much loved Brother of Filomena Boriccola, Lena Di Francesco, Maria Giuliana and the late Carmela and Vincenzo Maulucci. Sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews and cousins in Canada, the U.S. and in Italy. Predeceased by his parents Giuseppe and Girolama Maulucci. Born in Accadia, Italy and immigrated to Canada in 1966. He dedicated his life to building a future for his family and instilling in his children the value of generosity, hard work, and love of family. He was a well-respected and successful leather craftsman and an executive member of the Accadia Social Club of Fort Erie. Tony's enthusiasm for life was evident in his openness and the hospitality he showed to family and friends alike, sharing home-cooked meals with us. He loved to travel and did while on his annual vacations in Acapulco. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Avenue, Fort Erie, entrusted with the arrangements. The family received friends on Thursday January 27, from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM. A Funeral Mass was offered at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 310 Central Avenue, Fort Erie on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 11 a.m. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or C.O.P.E. would be appreciated by the family.

Death ends all earthly needs
And the soul passed on to its Destiny.

To memorialize an earthly need
Remember a loved one with this verse
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YANDO, Charles Valentine - Unexpectdly at Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls on Thursday January 27, 2011. Charles (Charlie) Yando of Fort Erie in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Enlie Yando of 33 years. Loving father of Anne (Paul) Bouchard, Beth (Scott) Serada, and Mary (Mike) Smith. Grandfather to Kathryn, Michael and David Bouchard, Michael, Christopher, and Matthew Smith, and Michelle (Ray) and Justin Serada. Great grandfather to Hannah and Easton. Dear brother of Theresa (Charlie) Jones. Predeceased by his parents Mary and George Yando, and son Michael (1985). Charlie was a devoted employee of Pratt and Lambert Paints, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and a long time member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3325. Past Grand Knight of Council 3325 District Deputy. Past Columbia Squire Director. Member of the Holy Name Society. Dear friend of Dr. Michael Casaroli. Charlie enjoyed his special breakfasts with his friends. He enjoyed sports, always cheering for his Montreal Canadians. He enjoyed spending time with his family. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff in the ER and ICU at GGH for their care. (Funeral arrangements will be in the care of **HAMMOND FUNERAL HOME**, Fort Erie but are incomplete at this time.) In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated of your choice or St. Michael's Prayer.

In memoriam

Don Noyes

August 23, 1937 - January 31, 2010

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Missing you is a heartache
That will never go away.
Loving you always, your daughter Kimberly



In memory of
Lois Noble
who passed away
January 26, 2008
Miss talking to you, Love Lin

Long days, long nights, you bore the pain
And hoped for cure, but all in vain
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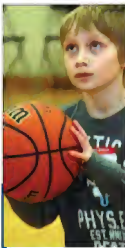
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Following each division championship, participants were presented with Certificates of Participation. Photographs were taken of the presentations and a copy will be presented to the champion as well as one kept for the local council. Division champions were presented with a council champion certificate and a championship trophy.

Four schools surpassed the 100+ participation mark this year, including Bertie (277), Our Lady of Victory (242), St. George (122) and St. Philomena (113). A record turnout was recorded for 9-year-olds - 22, including 120 boys and 101 girls.

In the battle of the celebrities, the "Blue Knights" team, captained by Sandy Annunziata, defeated the "Red" Nites Team led by Mayor Doug Martin by a score of 23 to 17. Kris Dubé, editor Fort Erie Times and Chris Kerbo, principal of St. George School, led all scorers, making 60 per cent of their free throw attempts.

Other celebrity participants included Cory Annett, Jaycees; Shamus



Lucas Vail, Bertie Public School

Bourdon, Niagara Christian Community of Schools; Mike Burns, vice-principal Garrison Road School; Kim Craitor, MPP; Richard Hutton, reporter Niagara This Week; Scott Maskell, Glenly Insurance; Mark Teal, coach - Lakeshore Catholic; Matt Thomas from Crystal Beach School and Shawn Willick of St. Philomena School.

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DiLorenzo, principal LCIS; Kerry Passero, Fort Erie Secondary School; Doug Martin, Mayor, Town of Fort Erie; Ben McDermott, Fort Erie YMCA; Rob Nicholson, MPP; and Arlene White, BNational Economic and Tourism Alliance.

To run such a successful event requires the dedicated time and efforts of many committed volunteers. Much appreciation is extended to school officials in organizing their school tournaments and submitting names of participants for the Championships, namely Sabino Malone (Bertie), Rob Hosking (Crystal Beach), Melanie Furry (Fort Erie Elementary), Chris Wilcox

(Garrison Road) Cassandra Cassidy (General Vanier), Andre Michaud (Our Lady of Victory), Tom Palmer (Rose Seaton), Chris Kerbo (St. George), Ryan Dominski (St. Philomena), Kerry Passero (FESS), Mark Teal (LCIS) and Shamus Bourdon (Niagara Christian Community of Schools).

Many thanks to the site coordinator, Ben McDermott and Melissa Kendrick, student leader coordinator of the Fort Erie Community YMCA. Volunteers officiating and running this championship (whose assistance enhanced the success of this event) included: brothers Frank Durante, Tony Greggan, Kevin Kamatovic,

Kingston, John McGowan, Ray McNeil, Andy Paura (Grand Knight), Ron Rogala from the Knights of Columbus; Margaret Forsyth, Anne Marie Hudak and Ines McGowan from the YMCA; volunteers David Dickson, Laura Dickson, Danielle, Joe Fletcher, Toni Iannelli, Scott Maskell, Kay McNeil, K.D. Moore, Murray Morlog, Alexis Muscat, Lorraine Pichette, Gator - Ryker Bath and Chelsey, Danny, Reid, Josh Burd, Sarah Burd, YMCA student leaders.

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To whoever is responsible for the maintenance and care of the Canadian flag that flies at the cenotaph in Ridgeway. I find its condition offensive.

Bouquet

To people who hold doors open for one another, especially when it's this cold outside.

Brick

To the lady that nearly ran me over when I was shovelling my driveway. Have some caution, Part of my wishes she would have came a little bit closer and ran over my shovels, popping her tire.

Bouquet

To everyone who participated in the Put Food in the Budget Food Bank Challenge, co-ordinated by the Bridges Community Health Centre.

Brick

To stubborn people who actually feel they are right about everything

they believe in. You aren't going to go far in life with such a closed mind.

Bouquet

To the Town of Fort Erie for its excellent care of the roads during the winter months.

Brick

To people who don't have a single minute of community service to their name but are the first to complain about things taking place in the community...whether it is about a decision made by the local government or the lack of services available.

Bouquet

To the cashiers at a local grocery store that are always pleasant and genuinely friendly. It makes my shopping experience just a little bit more enjoyable.

Brick

To mother nature for the ruthless cold we have been experiencing. I've had enough.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Fort Erie

Saturday Feb. 26th - 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 9 pm
Sunday Feb. 27th - 1 pm and 3:30 pm
Saturday March 5th - 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 9 pm
Carroll's Bowling Lanes - 7 Klauk Street, Fort Erie

THIS BOWLING BOSS BELIEVES
IN GREATER FORT ERIE

This year's theme is "Party in your PJ's!"
To register, call 905-871-8836 or
visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/forterie

Church Directory

Sherkston BIC

Join us on
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.
Guest Speaker: REV. ANDREW DOHERTY
Nursery & Toddler Care provided by
Kidz Time starting at 10:15 am.
Pastor Rob Collier is speaking on a series
called the Disciples of the Faith.
5348 Sherkston Road, Sherkston

ALL NATIONS FELLOWSHIP

Meeting at All Nations Mission Centre
3397 Garrison Rd.
(corner of Sunlight Rd., Ridgeway)
Special Speakers:
Sunday, January 30th 11 a.m. - FRED SAULT
Sunday, February 6th 11 a.m. - EVANGELIST LYLE JOHNSON
A Warm Welcome to All!
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. - Sunday Services 11 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Future students are welcomed for the day

Families join us for an evening Open House

Please RSVP if planning to attend for the day, or come anytime between 5 and 8 pm to meet faculty and learn more about the exciting opportunities available for your family at NCC



Call 905 871 6980
for more information

2619 Niagara Pkwy., Fort Erie

Niagara Christian Community of Schools

February 15th



Engaging Students in the Learning Process

- I love NCC, I can easily connect with the teachers. The class sizes are small and the teachers are always available to help. *(Harvath, SS Boarding Student)*
- The international friends I've made, and the opportunities to travel worldwide have been amazing - NCC has definitely changed me! *(Gerritt, SS Day Student)*
- Middle School has become my second home! Excelling at NCC is easy because of the environment that surrounds you. *(Ally, M S Student)*
- I enjoy the extra curricular activities such as sports and drama. NCC is such an amazing school and there is nowhere I would rather be. *(Christina, M S Student)*

96% of our students gain acceptance to some of the most prestigious universities in the world!



BINGO

Hours Everyday
1:00 pm • 3:45 pm
7:00 pm • 9:30 pm

February 13th - 20th - Voucher Draw

Each Session 3 - \$50 Voucher will be given away for the Monster Bingo coming March 2nd after February 20th purchase Monster Bingo tickets at Golden Nugget

MONSTER BINGO

Valentines
Day - 4 Per
session

March 2nd - 7 pm Session

\$1000 Letter Games

\$5000 Jackpot Game

No Golden Ball
or
Jackpot Bonus for
Monster Bingo

Play Bingo ~ Support Your Local Charities & Have Fun at the Same Time!

It's Your Game ~ Please Play Responsibly

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